

Atty Docket No. SHD-002-USA-P

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-3, 5-12, 16-17, 19 and 21, and rewrite claims 4, 13-15, 18, 20 and 22 as follows:

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method of reducing skin irritation caused by application to the skin of octyl methoxycinnamate in an external skin preparation containing (a) octyl methoxycinnamate, and (b) powdered zinc oxide and mixtures thereof, hydrophobically treated with one or more selected from the group consisting of methyl hydrogen polysiloxane and silane coupling agents, metal soap processing ~~processing~~, fluorine processing with perfluoroalkylphosphate diethanolamin salt and perfluoroalkylsilane, and processing with dextrin fatty acid ester, said method comprising:

blending 2-15 wt% of glucoside selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene methyl glucoside, polyoxypropylene methyl glucoside, and mixtures thereof, into the external skin preparation.

5-12. (Cancelled)

Atty Docket No. SHD-002-USA-P

13. (Currently Amended) The method of reducing skin irritation caused by application to the skin of octyl methoxycinnamate in an external skin preparation of claim 4, wherein the zinc oxide ~~is in powder form having~~ has a particle size of 1 μ m or less.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of reducing skin irritation caused by application to the skin of octyl methoxycinnamate in an external skin preparation of claim 4, wherein the external preparation is comprised of 1-40 wt% of zinc oxide and mixtures thereof.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of reducing skin irritation caused by application to the skin of octyl methoxycinnamate in an external skin preparation of claim 4, wherein the external preparation is comprised of 3-25 wt% of zinc oxide and mixtures thereof.

16-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing skin irritation caused by application to the skin of a cosmetic composition comprising octylmethoxy cinnamate with zinc oxide or hydrophobically treated zinc oxide, comprising:

blending with the cosmetic composition [[a]] 2-15 wt% of a glucoside selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene methyl glucoside, polyoxypropylene methyl glucoside, and mixtures thereof in a cosmetically acceptable vehicle.

19. (Cancelled)

Atty Docket No. SHD-002-USA-P

20. (Previously Presented) A process for reducing irritation to the skin caused by a combination of octyl methoxy cinnamate and powdered ZnO, comprising:

(a) adding 2-15 wt% of glucoside selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene methyl glucoside, polyoxypropylene methyl glucoside, and mixtures thereof, to a cosmetic composition comprising a cosmetically acceptable vehicle and octyl methoxy cinnamate with powdered ZnO or hydrophobically treated ZnO; and

(b) applying the cosmetic composition to the skin.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The process for reducing irritation to the skin caused by octyl methoxy cinnamate and ZnO, of claim [[21]] 20, wherein the cosmetic composition comprises a cosmetically acceptable vehicle, 1 to 15 wt% of octyl methoxycinnamate, and 1 to 40 wt% of powdered ZnO or hydrophobically treated ZnO.